Opening of a public road at the Kondipuram ferry.

76. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.— Will the Government state.—

(a) whether and when they have received representations, if any, from the inhabitants of the Mukundapuram Taluk regarding the opening of a public road at the Kondipuram ferry;

(b) what they have done in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) Yes, in 1110.

(b) The alignment of the road was surveyed. An estimate for the work is under preparation.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—When do the Government hope to complete the preparation of the estimate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is hoped to be completed in about one month.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will they take up the work immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will depend upon the recommendations of the new Road Committee.

Income-tax—Exemption from payment.

77. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Diwan Sir Shanmukham Chetty is exempted from the payment of Income-tax;

(b) was the late Diwan Mr. Herbert paying any Income-tax; if so, how much;

(c) if the present Diwan is exempted, what are the reasons for exempting him from the payment of Income-tax;

(d) the names of officers in the State who are exempted from the payment of Income-tax?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— (a) No.

(b) Yes. The information cannot be divulged under the provisions of section 56 of the Cochin I. T. Regulation.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to question (a).

(d) None.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the present pay of the Diwan?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Rs. 3247-11-11.

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